

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 6, change the first paragraph to read:

The method permits the withdrawal of one or a few components of a system, such as molecules, molecular complexes, vesicles, micelles, cells, optionally embedded in an associated volume element (withdrawal volume), V ($10^{-9} \text{ l} \geq V \geq 10^{-18} \text{ l}$). This volume element is part of a larger volume of an environment which contains the small components to be withdrawn (sample volume). The withdrawal is effected by transferring the component or components to another environment wherein space and time of the withdrawal are determined by an analytical signal which is correlated with the small component to be withdrawn. The analytical methods which may be used are those by which the molecular contents of smallest volume elements (10^{-14} l) can be analyzed as described in the International Application of Rigler et al., PCT/EP 94/00117. The sample volume is connected with a receptor means through a pore of a capillary or a pore of a membrane wall whose smallest aperture D is given by D according to the formula $100 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \geq D \geq 0.1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$.